

IT IS ILLEGAL TO HARASS, FEED, HUNT,  
CAPTURE OR KILL WILD DOLPHINS

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# *Protect Wild Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins*



*Admire them from a distance*

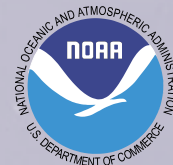
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Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

## PLEASE HELP WILD DOLPHINS STAY WILD

Hawaiian Spinner dolphins feed at night. Closely approaching or "swimming" with them prevents them from getting the daytime rest they need. You may not realize they are resting because they are always in motion. Approaching them disturbs their rest and social behavior.

Spinner dolphins use certain bays and areas close to shore that are good for avoiding predators, caring for young, and resting.

Closely approaching or swimming with wild dolphins could harm them. Although dolphins have a reputation for being friendly, they are wild animals and should be treated with caution and respect.

MAHALO!

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IRRESPONSIBLE VIEWING  
AND INTERACTIONS CAN  
PLACE BOTH DOLPHINS  
AND HUMANS AT RISK

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WILD DOLPHINS

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## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RESPONSIBLE DOLPHIN VIEWING

- Remain at least 50 yards away from dolphins.
- Limit your time observing an animal to 1/2 hour.
- Do not encircle or trap dolphins between boats or the shore.
- If approached by dolphins while boating, put the engine in neutral and allow them to pass.
- Never attempt to swim with a dolphin. Leave the water if approached by an animal while swimming.